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1. In late March 1952 the following number of Chinese Communist warships were along the East China coast:

Weihaimei (122-06, 37-31)	1	Wusung (121-31, 31-23)	21
Tsingtao	8	Shanghai	14
Lienyunkang (119-30, 34-45)	1	Shihp'u (121-56, 29-15)	7
Tach'ishan (122-10, 30-50) - Ssuchiao (122- , 30-) area			4
Tinghai (122-06, 30-03) - Liuhengtao (122- , 29-) area			18

2. From 24 to 28 March, four Chinese Communist warships patrolled the Yangtze Estuary.
3. From 26 to 27 March, two Chinese Communist warships left Shanghai for Tinghai.
4. In late March, one warship, one landing craft, and one patrol boat patrolled Sanmenwan (121- , 29-).

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1. In March 1952 the Chinese Communists bought three iron-hulled 500-ton transports in Hong Kong and sailed them to Whampoa where they were repaired and each fitted with one cannon. These ships were given HAI (海) Numbers 203, 205, and 303 and turned over to the South China Sea Defense Office.
2. In early April Peihai shipyards completed 13 Nan (南) class boats.
3. In early April the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Command Post of the South China Fleet had six 400-ton gunboats converted from minesweepers and two 700-ton revenue cutters each equipped with one 25 mm gun, two 13 mm guns, and one other gun.

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- On 3 March 1952, CH'ENG Hung-k'ai (鄭洞開), commander of the Central and South China Marine Corps, and LI Hwai-chang (李懷昌), chief of staff of the Kwangtung River Defense Command, inspected defenses under the command of HUANG Te-ming (黃德明) in the Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02) - Paoan (113-56, 22-32) area. After the inspection CH'ENG recommended that the River Defense Command be placed under the Chinese Communist Marine Corps for defense efficiency.
- In early April one regiment of marines was being trained by the Central and South China Naval Area Training Class at Peihai (109-05, 21-24).

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